

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a ~~variable~~ display unit ~~[[for]]~~ configured to variably ~~displaying~~ and statically display a plurality of symbols;

~~a selector for selecting a winning combination; and~~

an electrical display provided above the ~~variable~~ display unit and configured to display a pay table in which a winning combination is associated with a predetermined prize to be awarded when the winning combination is formed; and

a controller configured to, when the winning combination is formed depending on a combination of the symbols statically displayed on the display unit, award a prize associated with the formed winning combination based on the pay table.

2. (Original) A gaming machine as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a translucent electrical display provided in front of the variable display unit

3. (Original) A gaming machine as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

a game controller for generating a special game state which gives an advantage to a player based on a predetermined condition; wherein,

the translucent electrical display executes shielding control for making at least a part of the variable display unit invisible to the player during the special game state, based on a prescribed condition.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine as set forth in claim [[4]] 1, ~~further comprising a switch for switching the pay table to another table.~~

wherein the controller switches from displaying the pay table on the electrical display to a second pay table different from the pay table, and when a winning combination is formed depending on a combination of the symbols statically displayed on the display unit, awards a prize based on the second pay table.

6. (Original) A gaming machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein the electrical display displays an image for decorating the gaming machine.

7. (Original) A gaming machine as set forth in claim 3, wherein the translucent electrical display displays an image according to a game state while executing the shielding control.

8. (Original) A gaming machine as set forth in claim 3, wherein the translucent electrical display executes the shielding control to indicate an advantageous way of operating the gaming machine to the player.

9. (New) A gaming machine as set forth in claim 5, wherein the controller switches from the pay table to the second pay table by changing the predetermined prize associated with the winning combination.

10. (New) A gaming machine as set forth in claim 9, wherein the controller changes winning probabilities of the winning combination.

11. (New) A gaming machine as set forth in claim 5, wherein the controller switches from the pay table to the second pay table according to game states.